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U.S. POSTAL EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING MAIL MATTERS

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Leo T. Stein**, age 23, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, pled guilty on September 4, 2007, to charges of stealing U. S. mail matter while employed with the United States Postal Service, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

Stein admitted that in June 2006, while he was employed as a U.S. Postal Employee, he stole mail from the U.S. Postal sorting facility on Gardiner Lane in Louisville, Kentucky. The case arose after the U.S. Postal Inspection Service received reports that customers were not receiving prescriptions that were ordered from website pharmacies. Ultimately Postal Inspectors determined that Stein had opened and stolen mail packages containing oxycontin and loritab prescriptions. During the investigation Postal Inspectors observed Stein opening and stealing mail matter containing prescriptions while he was sorting mail at the Louisville, Kentucky, Processing & Distribution Center Facility located on Gardiner Lane.

The maximum potential penalties are 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

The case was being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan R. Calhoun, and it was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

Stein is scheduled to be sentenced on December 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in Louisville,
Kentucky.

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